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In re application of

Chiara TONELLI et al.

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CASSETTE FOR NUCLEIC ACID EXPRESSION IN PLANTS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 14, 2008

Sir:

The undersigned hereby petitions for an extension of time to respond to the Official Action of June 11, 2008 for one month to October 11, 2008 (October 11, 2008 being a Saturday, October 12, 2008 being a Sunday and October 13, 2008 being a holiday).

The required filing fee is being paid online simultaneously herewith by credit card in the amount of \$65.00.

A responsive paper is filed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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